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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 2 and 3 May 1954, a total of about 110 to 140 tanks, SP guns and armored scout cars, 350 trucks, numerous AT and AA guns and 1,400 to 1,600 troops from Friedrich August Kaserne (1541) and Busch Kaserne (1542) were entrained at the Leisnig railroad station and left toward Doebeln, probably for the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. On 9 May, the two installations were occupied by only rear details totaling 160 to 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. Training concentrated on firing practice.

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2. On 10 May, the Panzer Kaserne (1161), Borna was occupied by 150 to 200 troops. The units previously stationed there had apparently transferred to summer camps by rail between 3 and 7 May. Numerous imprints of tank tracks led toward the freight station. A sentry wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.²

3. Prior to 4 May, the Strassburg Kaserne (1402) in Grimma appeared to be occupied as previously. Several armored personnel carriers and 4 x 85-mm AT guns were observed in the barracks area. Prior to 4 May, the Elsner Kaserne (1401) was also occupied as previously by units wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer and motor transport insignia. On 29 April, an officers' conference was held in the main hospital in Grimma. Numerous sedans and jeeps were observed arriving at the hospital.³

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4. On 10 May, the barracks installations in Leipzig-Heiterblick (8242) appeared to be occupied as previously by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Between 30 April and 10 May, up to 5 T-34 tanks, 1 JSU-122 gun, 1 JS-3 tank and individual BA-64 armored scout cars were repeatedly seen in the barracks area. On 26 April, T-34 tanks and 1 boxcarload of troops had been entrained at the Taucha railroad station.⁴

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1. Comment. These shipments are believed to have involved the bulk of the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and elements of the 358th Gds AAA Regt of the 8th Gds Mech Div, en route to Koenigsbrueck.

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2. Comment. The transfer of the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mech Div, presumably to Koenigsbrueck, was reported by another source

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
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3.  Comment. The strength figures of the individual installations tend to indicate that the 21st Gds Mech Regt, the 133d Gds Ingr Bn, and, probably, elements of the 8th Gds Mech Div were still at the post on 4 May.

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4.  Comment. It can be assumed that the bulk of the tank battalion of the 19th Gds Mech Regt and the 67th Tank Tng Bn (US) of the 8th Gds Mech Div were stationed in their winter quarters prior to 10 May. The tank detail entrained on 26 April is believed to have gone to Koenigsbrueck or Zeithain for short-term firing practices.

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